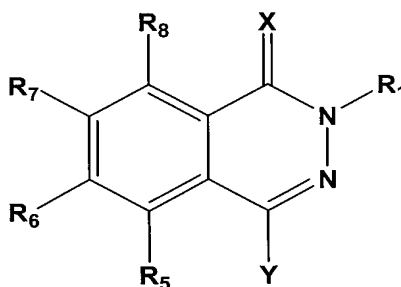


Amendments to the Claims

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

1-17. (Cancelled)

18. (Previously presented) A compound having the Formula III:



Formula III

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or prodrug thereof, wherein:

R₁ is alkyl, haloalkyl, aminoalkyl, C₁₋₁₀ alkylaminoalkyl, di(C₁₋₁₀)alkylaminoalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aralkyl, aralkenyl, aralkynyl, heteroaralkyl, carbocycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, cyanoalkyl, alkanoylamidoalkyl, alkanoyloxyalkyl, azidoalkyl, alkenyloxyalkyl, or alkoxyalkyl;

R₆ and R₇ taken together are -OCH₂O-, -OCH₂CH₂O-, -O-CF₂-O-, -CH₂CH₂CH₂-, -CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂-, -OCH₂CH₂-, or -N(R₉)-CO-O-; wherein R₉ is optionally substituted lower alkyl;

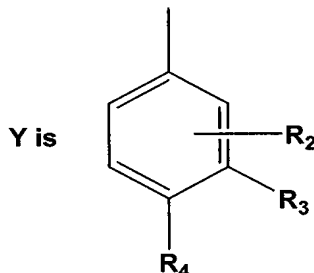
R₅ and R₈ are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halogen, haloalkyl, aryl, heterocyclic, heteroaryl, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aralkyl, aralkenyl, aralkynyl, hydroxyalkyl, nitro, amino, cyano, alkanoylamido, hydroxy, thiol, alkanoyloxy, alkoxy, carboxy, carbonylamido or thioalkoxy;

X is O or S; and

Y is optionally substituted aryl or optionally substituted heteroaryl.

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Previously presented) A compound according to claim 18, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein:



R₂ is H, alkyl, halo, amino, alkoxy, or nitro; and

R₃ and R₄ are taken together to form a five or six membered carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring.

21. (Previously presented) The compound according to claim 20, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein R₃ and R₄ taken together are -OCH₂O-, -OCH₂CH₂O-, -O-CF₂-O-, -CH₂CH₂CH₂-, -CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂-, -O-CH₂-CH₂-, -N=CH-O-, -NH-CO-O-, -CH=CH-CH=CH-, or -O-CH=CH-.

22. (Previously presented) A compound according to claim 18, wherein said compound is selected from the group consisting of:

2-[2-(Dimethylamino)ethyl]-4-(3,4-methylenedioxyphenyl)-6,7-methylenedioxy-1(2H)-phthalazinone,

2-Ethyl-4-(3,4-methylenedioxyphenyl)-6,7-methylenedioxy-1(2H)-phthalazinone,

2-[2-(1-Imidazolyl)ethyl]-4-(3,4-methylenedioxyphenyl)-6,7-methylenedioxy-1(2H)-phthalazinone,

4-(3,4-Methylenedioxyphenyl)-6,7-methylenedioxy-1(2H)-phthalazinone,

2-[2-(1-Piperidiny)ethyl]-4-(3,4-methylenedioxyphenyl)-6,7-methylenedioxy-1(2H)-phthalazinone,

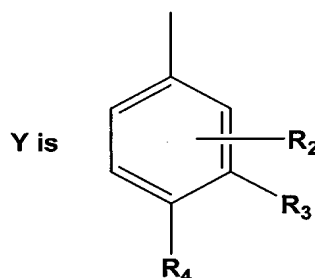
2[2-(1-Pyrrolidiny)ethyl]-4-(3,4-methylenedioxyphenyl)-6,7-methylenedioxy-1(2H)-phthalazinone, and

2-[2-(Ethoxycarbonyl)ethyl]-4-(3,4-methylenedioxyphenyl)-6,7-methylenedioxy-1(2H)-phthalazinone;
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

23. (Previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising the compound of claim 18, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

24. (Currently amended) A method of treating, ~~preventing~~ or ameliorating ~~neuronal loss associated with stroke, ischemia, CNS trauma, hypoglycemia or surgery; or treating or ameliorating a neurodegenerative disease selected from the group consisting of Alzheimer's disease, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, Huntington's disease, Parkinson's disease and Down's syndrome; or treating, preventing or ameliorating the adverse consequences of the overstimulation of the excitatory amino acids; or treating, preventing or ameliorating anxiety, psychosis, convulsions, chronic pain, migraine headache, glaucoma, retinitis, urinary incontinence or inducing anesthesia; or enhancing learning and cognition; or treating or ameliorating schizophrenia and myoclonus;~~ comprising administering to ~~an animal~~ a mammal in need of such treatment an effective amount of a compound of claim 18, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

25. (Original) The method of claim 24, wherein:



R₂ is H, alkyl, halo, amino, alkoxy, or nitro; and

R₃ and R₄ are taken together to form -OCH₂O-, -OCH₂CH₂O-, -O-CF₂-O-, -CH₂CH₂CH₂-, -CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂-, -O-CH₂-CH₂-, -N=CH-O-, -NH-CO-O-, -CH=CH-CH=CH-, or -O-CH=CH-.

26-28. (Cancelled)

29. (Original) The method according to claim 24, wherein said method is for treating or ameliorating acute or chronic pain.

30-34. (Cancelled)

35. (New) The compound according to claim 18, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein R_6 and R_7 are taken together to form $-OCH_2O-$, $-OCH_2CH_2O-$ or $-O-CF_2-O-$.

36. (New) The compound according to claim 20, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein R_3 and R_4 are taken together to form $-OCH_2O-$, $-OCH_2CH_2O-$ or $-O-CF_2-O-$.

37. (New) The method of claim 25, wherein R_3 and R_4 are taken together to form $-OCH_2O-$, $-OCH_2CH_2O-$ or $-O-CF_2-O-$.

40-42. (Cancelled)